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In re application of :
Hiroshi FUKADA et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001_0702A
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PUNCH AND DIE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

~~Prior to calculating the filing fee,~~ please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

A' 3. (Amended) The punch or die according to claim 1, wherein it is applied to a punch (1, 2) or die (3) used for a tablet machine for the preparation of tablets containing corrosive substances or adhesive substances.

A2 7. (Amended) A tablet machine which is characterized in being equipped with the punch or the die according to claim 1.

A3 13. (Amended) Tablets which are manufactured according to the manufacturing method according to claim 8.